

**PRELIMINARY INVENTORY
ACCESSION CA6423
LEWIS STOERKER PAPERS**

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Dates: 1965-2007

Creator: Stoerker, Lewis, 1921-1992

Collection Size: 1.2 cubic feet, 2 oversize items

Introduction

Papers of a theatre professor at the University of Missouri largely concern his efforts to establish the Rock Bridge Memorial State Park.

Donor Information

The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Dorothy G. Stoerker-Peters.

Biographical Sketch

Lewis Stoerker was born on April 8, 1921, in Jefferson City, Missouri. He received a BA at Elmhurst College in 1945 and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Yale University in 1947. In 1958, Lew and his wife Dorothy moved to Columbia, Missouri, so he could work in the University of Missouri theater department. Lewis Stoerker was active in the Columbia Optimist Club, elected as 6th Ward City Councilman in 1978, and became state secretary of the Traveler's Protective Association in 1977. Lewis Stoerker and his wife are largely known for their effort to establish the Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, in honor of their daughter Carol, who died on May 6, 1961. Lew died July 20, 1992, in Columbia.

Box List

Box 1

Biographical Sketch

Rock Bridge Memorial Park (RBMP)

Fundraising, 1965-1968 (4 folders)

25th anniversary, 1992

Expansion Plan, 1992

Feasibility Study, 1994

Discovery Center Plan, 2001 (2 folders)

Planning documents

Proposal

Clippings/articles

Flyers/brochures

Meetings, 1998-2007

Newsletters, 1992-2007 (incomplete)

Correspondence, 1990s-2000s

Notes

Photos

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Optimist International, 1970s (4 folders)
MU theater, 1970s (2 folders)
Columbia City Council, 1979
Columbia Redevelopment Plan, 1979
Traveler's Protective Association, 1970s-1990s
Miscellaneous

Box 2

Correspondence and miscellaneous
Columbia City Council campaign
Certificates and awards

OVERSIZE ITEMS (Location: UO-15A)

Rock Bridge State Memorial State Park resolutions, 1992, 1997 (2)